

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. The Office Action sets forth an election of species requirement. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that the invention covers seven distinct species as identified by the following groups of claims:

Species I:	Claims 1-12
Species II:	Claims 13-26
Species III:	Claims 27-35
Species IV:	Claims 35-39
Species V:	Claims 40-48
Species VI:	Claim 49
Species VII:	Claim 50

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects without traverse Species I containing claims 1-12 for prosecution on the merits. Claims 13-50 have been cancelled herein.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-12 as currently pending in the present application. Should the Examiner find any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

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